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Brother Harold H. Smith again served as principal of the Seminary with Bro. George L. Strelbel as associate. With considerable change having been made in the High School Program and with a much smaller Junior class enrolled at the high school the Seminary enrollment was considerably reduced. The eighth grade pupils were not able to take any Seminary work so only classes for the seventh grade were offered. Hence the services of an additional, or third teacher, was not required. This year there were 73 pupils taking Old Testament, 84 taking classes in New Testament and 84 enrolled in Church History and Doctrine. There were 74 graduates this year also.

1952-1953

During the summer of 1952, Harold Smith left the system to put his full time into his merchandising establishment here in Heber. George Strelbel became the Principal of the Seminary, and LaMar C. Berrett, who was just graduated in June by the University of Utah, became a teacher to work with brother Strelbel.

Brother Strelbel taught Old Testament and Church History, while brother Berrett taught New Testament, one class of Church History and two groups (one each half of the school year) of 7th grade Junior Seminary Students. Brother Berrett taught the Book of Mormon to the Junior Seminary.

During the school year there were many class parties, which made up the entertainment for the year.

Around the first of the year, a "Pin-hanging" ceremony was held in the 4th Ward Chapel. Most of the graduating seniors received their seminary pins at this time. Refreshments were served, and the speaker of the evening was brother Harold Smith, past principal of the Seminary. Clay Cummings, stake President, also said a few words.

The Senior Seminary students had their graduation on the last Sunday of the School year. The Theme for the graduation was: "I know that my Redeemer lives." The speakers were: Glade E. Giles, (Evidence of the New Testament) Rosalee Hertell (Evidence of the Old Testament), Carol Michie (Evidence of the Book of Mormon) and Nolan Dean (Evidence of the Present Dispensation.) Irvin Giles sang a solo of the verses of: "I know that my Redeemer lives" while the class sang the Chorus after each verse. The diplomas were presented by Floyd Kinsey of the Stake Presidency. The program was completely planned and presented by the graduates. The graduation was held Sunday, May 17, 1953 at 8:00 p.m. in the Stake House. There were 68 graduates.

On the Wednesday following graduation (May 20th) the graduates held a banquet in the Social Hall with the Daniel ward preparing the dinner. The event of the evening which was extra special, was the presence and the address of Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve. He gave a most wonderful talk to the graduates which centered around Chastity. Some of his thoughts on the subject were as follows:

"Necing is on the verge of sin and petting is sin"

"Fight or die...destroyed this body, if necessary to keep your chastity and virtue."

"Passions are God given, but they should be harnessed."

"One hour's time can cause you millions of hours of remorse."

"Some think they have not sinned if they have not gone all the way. They think they can do most anything as long as they don't commit the act, and it will not be sin....but petting is sin."

The Stake Presidency was present, and a very enjoyable evening was had. This was a beautiful climax to a graduate of the Seminary. The cost to the graduates for the flowers, programs, tickets, banquet and picture was \$3.75 each.

Enrollment for the year was as follows: Old Testament - 95, New Testament - 97, Church History - 80, Junior Seminary - 72. This makes a total of 272 in the Senior Seminary plus 72 in the Junior Seminary making a total of 354 students under the influence of the Seminary for this year.

Relationship with the High School has been very good. At the beginning of the year, Ferron Van Wagoner became Principal when Stutz went to Provo to become principal of the

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1941-1942 - Wendell M. Rigby and Harold H. Smith
1942-1943 - Lynn R. Webb and Harold H. Smith
1943-1952 - Harold Smith and George L. Strelbel
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Wasatch Stake Seminary History
May 25, 1953

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 1953-1954 - George Strelbel and LaMar Berrett
 1954-1955 - George Strelbel and Grant H. Elliott
 1955-1956 - Grant H. Elliott and Jerome C. Hainsworth

Students: Total - 9024 Senior Seminary Students (1918-1956)

Wasatch Stake Seminary History
May 20, 1956

Grant H. Elliott, Principal

1953-1954

George Strelbel and LaMar C. Berrett continued as the teachers of the Seminary.

Brother Strelbel acting as Principal and brother Berrett as teacher.

Brother Strelbel taught three classes each of Old Testament and Church History.

Brother Berrett taught four classes of New Testament and one class of Old Testament.

He also taught three sections of seventh grade seminary, each group being in seminary for a period of twelve weeks.

Enrollment was as follows: Church History 77, New Testament - 99, Old Testament - 70, Junior Seminary - 88. The total for Senior Seminary was 246, and with the 88 in Junior Seminary, the grand total was 334 students.

There were 77 graduates this year. The program was much the same as the year 1953, as to the many extra activities carried on by the Seminary.

The graduate candidates were taken on a tour of Geneva Steel Plant and to B.Y.U. to enjoy a lovely program with the Seminary students of Utah County Seminaries. This was a late Spring activity.

There was a Graduate Banquet held and the program was enjoyed by all.

The Theme of the Graduation Program was: The Twenty-Fourth Psalm. The students taking part on the program were: John Besendorfer, Marden Kohler, Ruby Lawton, Beverly Bowden, Marva M. Kohler, Ann Thacker, Carol Herron, Mary Montgomery, Zona Dayton, Violet Olpin, Dallas Van Wagoner, Larry Baxter, and Maurine Orgill. The Stake Presidency were: President H. Clay Cummings, Nephi Probst, Welby Young, and Floyd Kinsey. Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of The Twelve Apostles was the guest speaker.

1954-1955

LaMar C. Berrett was transferred to Bingham, Utah to be in charge of the Seminary located at Copperton. Grant H. Elliott of Provo, Utah came to fill the vacancy left by brother Berrett. Brother Elliott had graduated from B.Y.U. in 1949, and had taught in the Alpine School District of Utah County for five years prior to accepting the position at the Heber L.D.S. Seminary.